

KEEPING TOMMY'S FOOTWEAR IN GOOD REPAIR WAS ESSENTIAL WAR WORK



Soldier bootmakers physically unfit after fighting to go back into the firing line, helping to support their comrades by repairing their footwear.



This big repair shop on the western front renovates 30,000 pairs of boots in a week. These two French girls have helped to finish off the pairs displayed.



Men working in one of the big repair centres. Hobnails and metal tips and heels are necessary to combat the rough roads. This pile is ready to go out.



Many French girls assist in the renovating of Tommy's footwear and take a great pride in the work. They are here seen putting wooden slays into the boots after they have been oiled to prevent the leather from curling.



A number of machines are kept busily at work stitching the boots. This is just one corner of the stitching room. All who help in the boot renovating department, both men and women, feel they are materially helping to win the war.



Teaching Handicrafts to Wounded Heroes. The "back to industry" problem for discharged soldiers is being solved at the Military Orthopedic Hospital, Shepherd's Bush, London, England. Boot repairing.

SALVATION ARMY WORK WITH THE ALLIED TROOPS AT THE FRONT



The Salvation Army with the allied troops in France. Entrance to a dug-out, where a welcome was given and comforts served to the weary men.



A tent canteen and recreation centre set up by the Salvation Army back of the trenches. Men trained in sports and up-to-the-minute were chosen to supervise these centres, and everyone was given a welcome.



No matter what the regiment or nationality if the men needed comforts and food, the Salvation Army were there on the job. This is one hut with the U.S.A. troops.



How do these pies look for "back-of-the-trenches" cookery? These busy women cooks did their best to supply Tommy with such good things whenever the ingredients could be procured.



Interior of one of the huts, showing tables for games, recreation, and writing letters. Parties and bright sing-songs were held whenever possible, and these were attended by the most cosmopolitan crowds of good fellows, all keen upon the one great end.



Part of the Salvation Army's home efforts for the welfare of troops. This is a dormitory in the soldiers' hostel at the corner of Church and King streets, Toronto.



Oh boy, home at last! An artist depicts the joy of home voyage of fighting men, and the first sight of the shores of their beloved Blighty. To many the interval between port and port is the hardest incident of the whole war. They feel, in the words of Bainsfather's famous Alf, "Why wasn't the blooming war held in England?"



Among the many hundreds of men who were unable to spend Christmas at home were those on service in the Mediterranean. Many subs and other small craft, as well as larger vessels, are still out in these waters, but trust a Jack Tar to make things jolly wherever he may be. This shows the Christmas Eve activities on board one vessel. Better not enquire too closely where the fowl came from.



Corporal P. Lewis, who has been a prisoner of war in Hamelin, Hanover, since 1915.

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All parcels are sorted and re-packed in bags, according to the different units, so that they may go direct once they arrive in France. This is only one corner of the enormous pile.



How the boys heard the big news. This photograph was taken at the moment the news of the armistice got thru, and they are discussing possibilities and writing home.



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